I’m surprised by student interest in these conspiracy theories.

My **argument throughout the following paper will consist of the idea that the Illuminati are a secret organization that still exists today.** The Illuminati are a satanic cult that is said to have a New World Order in place that will change life as we know it. The definition of Illuminati is “persons possessing, or claiming to possess, superior enlightenment.”[[becky#\_ftn1|[1]]] Illuminati is said to have been around for many years. It is a “religion” against God, and the Catholic Church. They have supposedly devised a plan that will allow them to take control over our government systems. The cult is said to be hidden within the Freemasons. As you might know, quite a few of our presidents have taken part in this society. There are many Freemasons that claim that there is no cult hidden within the society, but the point is that the Illuminati were a secret and thus the Freemasons did not know. While there is no evidence supporting this theory, I believe that the cult really does exist. After thorough research in books, and over the internet, I have found solid information showing the a cult of this sort existed at some time. Included is an excerpt from a conversation with a prior trainer for the Illuminati. **My theory is that even though most people say that the Illuminati has died out, they still must exist somewhere. The reason is that a cult holding so much power does not just disintegrate all of a sudden.** It must be destroyed. Thus, the cult, although not active, still does exist.

Is this your introduction?

I think you should begin with a brief background on this organization before diving into your argument.

Also, readers may have no clue about Freemasonry.

Students in the class are your audience. Consider this as you write.

THESIS: The Illuminati is a secret organization that still exists today. For what reason? What do they do?

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A. Presidents

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